

to be a sincere man who stands against corruption and for inclusive growth and development. Shri Modi is a man of vision and he, together with each and every citizen of India, will create something special—an India that will assume its destined role.

Without a doubt, Prime Minister Modi will usher in India's new era. He will make the 21st century India's century. This is his destiny. And so, once more, I congratulate Shri Narendra Modi on his path-breaking campaign, and I praise BJP Party President Rajnath Singh for working shoulder-to-shoulder with Shri Modi to ensure that the spirit of democracy has triumphed. I also commend Mr. Sanjay Puri, Founder and President of USINPAC, for championing the cause and work of Shri Narendra Modi early on in the U.S. Congress when India's next Prime Minister was Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Above all, I praise Prime Minister Modi's parents who gave rise to him, especially his mother whose blessings he sought. From his beginnings as a son of a tea seller to a landslide and ground-breaking victor, I wish Shri Modi godspeed on his poetic journey forward as India's next Prime Minister.

#### HONORING THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF ROLLA, MISSOURI

**HON. JASON T. SMITH**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Optimist Club of Rolla, Missouri. The Optimist Club was founded in April of 1964, and recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

The Optimist Club is a non-profit service club that is dedicated to providing free programs to the youth of Rolla community. The Optimist Club's tagline is simply, "Friend of Youth" and they certainly have been fulfilling this tagline. Through their youth sports and academic programs, and scholarship funds the Optimist Club continues to impact the lives of thousands of children every year.

Over the past fifty years, the Optimist Club has undoubtedly made Rolla a better place for families I would like to thank the Club's volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication to our children by believing in them and empowering them to pursue their interests. It is my pleasure to recognize their efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives and I look forward to another fifty years of success.

#### HONORING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, our Nation has many citizens that work to make America a worthy instrument for good; and

Whereas, Public servants on the federal, state, county and local municipalities level,

keeps America moving; each individual being charged to bring community service, honor and excellence in government, education, health, public safety and military service; and

Whereas, these Public servants are promoting and providing the concept of One Community-One Goal by working with and for individuals in all walks of life to make our Nation a place where the needs of the people are met; and

Whereas, these Public servants give of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to serve our community and our nation by providing leadership and service; and

Whereas, the lives of many in our district are touched by the leadership and service given by these unsung heroes; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the millions of public employees for their outstanding service to America; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim the week of May 4 through May 10, 2014 as Public Service Recognition Week in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of May, 2014

#### ARKANSAS'S THIRD DISTRICT TAKES LEAD ROLE IN GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH 2014

**HON. STEVE WOMACK**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, every year in June, America celebrates outdoor recreation during National Great Outdoors Month. Arkansas has proclaimed June to be Great Outdoors Month every year since 2008. This year is no exception, and I am pleased that the Third District played a leading role in the celebrations by hosting the 2014 kickoff campout at Pea Ridge National Military Park on the 16th and 17th of May.

Arkansas, known as the Natural State, is the perfect place to have kicked-off National Great Outdoors Month; we boast more than three million acres of federal lands—and many more of state and local lands—open for public enjoyment. This network of state parks and federal lands is great for swimming and fishing, hiking and biking, climbing and hunting, paddling and boating, and more.

As summer draws near, so do the sounds of outdoor recreation. As the weather grows warmer and the days grow longer, more than 730,000 citizens of northwest and north central Arkansas will take to our fields and forests, skies and waterways to enjoy clean, healthy outdoor fun. It began at the Pea Ridge National Military Park campout—which engaged our youngest generation in the preservation of our outdoors for the enjoyment and recreation of our citizens—and will end with the entire national following in the footsteps of Arkansas's Third District and supporting America's Great Outdoors.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,471,572,575,280.71. We've added \$6,844,695,526,367.70 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### TRIBUTE TO METRO WASTE AUTHORITY

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the Metro Waste Authority of Des Moines, Iowa for being named a 2014 Recycling Awards winner by the American Forest and Paper Association.

The coveted Recycling Awards from the American Forest and Paper Association recognize new and innovative programs that increase the amount of paper recovered for recycling across America. In April of 2014, Metro Waste Authority was announced as the community winner in the partnership category.

For decades, Metro Waste Authority has been the primary source of recycling education in the Des Moines Metro Area. Their curbside recycling program "Curb It!" was first unveiled to 20 communities in Polk County in 1994 and now services nearly 145,000 households. Since then, Metro Waste Authority has come to manage seven recycling and drop-off sites in the area and have developed a community outreach campaign to significantly increase the amount of mixed paper recovered for recycling.

Mr. Speaker, the great work done every day by the men and women of the Metro Waste Authority provides a crucial service to our communities and our environment. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Metro Waste Authority for receiving this prestigious award and thanking them for their invaluable efforts. It is an honor to represent the people who comprise this leading organization in the United States Congress, and I look forward to many more years of Metro Waste Authority's innovative and positive impact in Iowa.

#### TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SGT. MAJOR GLENN B. ASHLEY

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

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